

Remarks

The Official Action finds allowable claims 12 through 16 while rejecting claims 1-11 and 17-19. In view of this, claim 1, which is the independent claim under which all of the foregoing claims depend, is amended to contain the limitation of claim 12 of calculating a reflection ratio, and to claim the use of that ratio to adjust the electrophotographic condition. This amendment of claim 1 renders claim 3 redundant, and it is therefore canceled. Claim 4 is amended to depend from the claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, and claim 4 is amended to replace the extraneous period with a comma.

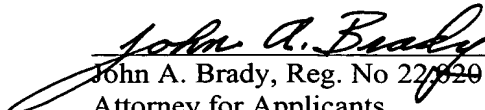
The Budnik reference, the single primary reference applied, is to testing for faulty parts and operations to facilitate repair, and does not adjust a machine condition based on a reflective ratio as claimed in claim 1. Claims 2 and 4-19 are dependent on claim 1 and allowable on the same basis. Claims 12 -16 were found allowable in the Official Action except for form.

The other claims of this application were allowed in the Official Action.

Accordingly, reconsideration in due course, followed by allowance of claims 1,2, and 4-26, all of the pending claims, is respectfully requested.

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